



Ode to a Commode

The most durable item I own by far
Is my great-grandparents' earthen slop
jar.

Not only was it their port in a storm,
But, on cold winter nights, it was indoors
and warm.

Gramma and Grampa next used it as such,
Although as time passed, not nearly as
much.

Then flushing commodes came into style
And Ma and Pa stashed it away for a while.
'Til I brought it forth and polished its face.
Now it sits on a pedestal, a beautiful vase.
"Hang onto that antique vase," I've been
told,

We may someday revert to the flushless
commode.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS



PIONEERS OF WASATCH COUNTY

The approach of July 24th inspires thoughts of Wasatch Pioneers;
the cause for which they came, and the faith that sustained them.

They labored in the burning sun
Throughout the light of day
And when the lonely night had come
They knelt and thus did pray:

Oh, God our Father, do thou bless thy children in this wilderness;
as strangers here without a home we trust in Thee, and Thee alone.
Protect us until morn again, from prowling beasts and savage men.
Direct our feet lest we should fall for we have come here at Thy call
and staunch and true we'll ever stand to do Thy will upon this land.
Oh! help us drive away the gloom and we will make this desert bloom.

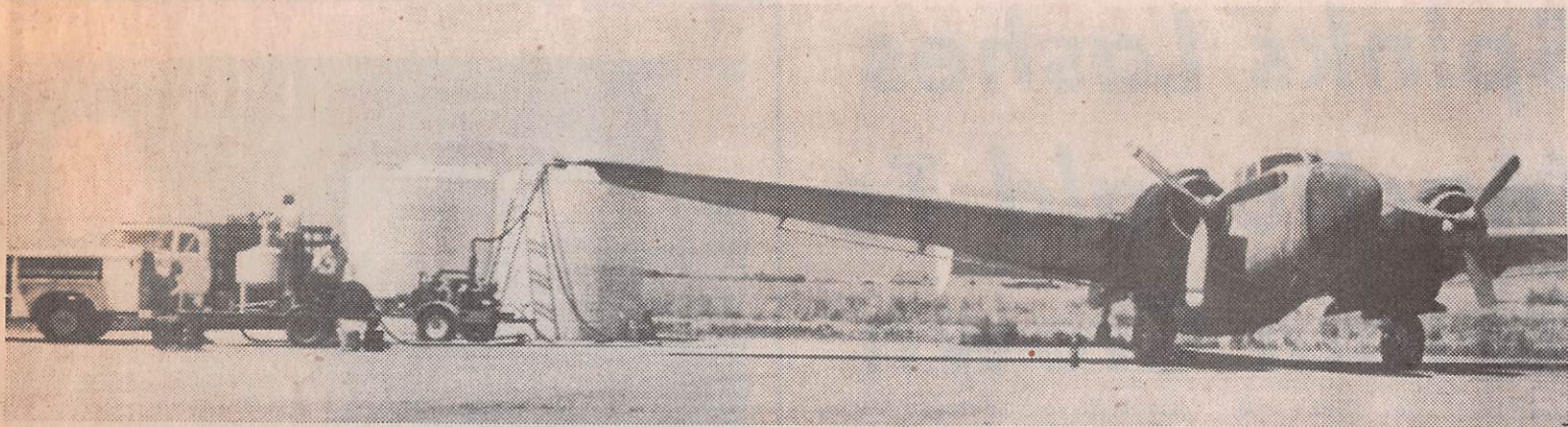
Forgive us Father when we err,
Our hearts turn back to lands afar
And friends and kindred that we left,
Who sigh for us with hearts bereff.
Content our minds that we may rest
Life infants on their mother's breast;
And we will thank Thee to the end;
Through Jesus Christ Thy Son — Amen.

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The latest developments
in Utah and around the
Intermountain West



Planes Attack Grasshoppers

Crews load a World War II vintage bomber with liquid insecticide for spraying crop-eating

grasshoppers that have infested at least 800,000 acres of crop and range land in Western Utah. In

the first day of spraying, crews covered more than 13,400 acres of land in Skull Valley, 50 miles

west of Salt Lake City. They plan to continue spraying daily through June.

Sports

Spinks Lashes MacDonald To Retain Crown

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (UPI) — Michael Spinks, unleashing a powerful left hand, retained his light heavyweight title Thursday night by stopping Jim MacDonald at 1:30 of the eighth round.

The scheduled 12-rounder was halted when referee Davey Pearl, listening to shouted instructions

said the 26-year-old former Marine, whose record dropped to 16-1.

The news conference was interrupted with word of a telephone call from a member of Larry Holmes' camp. He was offering Spinks \$550,000 plus \$150,000 for expenses for a Holmes-Spinks fight in August.

